

Contractor Agency Description and Requirements (Exceeding State Foster Home Licensing Rules or Contract)

1. ADCS will be updating the www.azkidsneedu.gov website with contractor information. Describe your agency and its specialties. Include your agency website url and contact information. Do not exceed 500 words.

Since 1980, La Paloma Family Services (LPFS) has continually strived to provide solutions for children facing life's greatest challenges due to abuse, neglect and abandonment. It is our long history of service that has established La Paloma as one of the leading non-profit family service agency in Southern Arizona. The LPFS Mission Statement is Partnering with the community to support children and families in developing skills and providing opportunities to be successful.

In January 2012, La Paloma Family Services and La Frontera Center merged the two agencies and the integration of all programs and services. As an integrated company, our organization has become more efficient in developing community solutions that are effective, collaborative and have measurable impact.

In response to the rising number of foster children under the care of the state of Arizona LPFS asks the people of Arizona **"If not you, who? If not now, when?"** LPFS has trained, licensed and monitored foster homes with the State of Arizona since 2001. LPFS provides services to children in foster care with both basic and therapeutic needs in the Tucson Metro area and Southern Arizona. We provide services to abused, neglected and abandoned children through our foster family homes and ensure that their physical, emotional, educational, and recreational needs are being met. Additionally, LPFS assists families through the foster and adoption process, working collaboratively with our foster families to find the best possible match for both the family and the child. LPFS is fully bilingual (English/Spanish) program that invites families of all make up and demographics to become foster families.

The LPFS Foster Care Program prides itself on the training, monitoring and support of safe, stable and emotionally present resource homes for the children of Arizona, by creating meaningful, effective and long lasting relationships.

LPFS understands that our foster families put their heart and soul into caring for the children placed in their homes. For this reason LPFS offers a free benefit paid by the agency to help resource parents and their family members work through any problems before they affect your health, home life or jeopardize your job. This is done through a family

assistance program that provides a group of experienced, caring professionals devoted to helping resource parents and their families to promptly solve problems that interfere with their work and home lives.

For further information please visit up at www.lapalomakids.org or call (520) 429-4247 for additional information about how to become a LPFS foster family.

2. List and describe in detail any specific agency requirements or expectations of your agency that exceed the State foster home licensing rules or the requirements within this contract. This may include additional requirements regarding pets or pool fences, for example. Also include anything that may be considered added value, such as offering additional respite hours or a faith-based perspective.

Name of Additional Requirement or Expectation	Is this Required? Yes or No	Reason
Meeting 11 La Paloma Program Expectations	Yes (*for kinship families submittal of homestudy will not be held up based on this)	The meeting reviews programmatic and rule of law expectations around the care of the children. Specifically a review of common rule violations and important regulations that the families are agreeing to follow upon issuance of a family foster home license for the purpose of preventing unintentional violations of the foster care license.
CPR/FA	Yes (*for kinship families submittal of homestudy will not be held up based on this)	All families are required to take these classes regardless of whether or not their residence has a pool this is done to ensure the safety and readiness of the foster home for any accidents or incident that may occur in the home.
EAP through Jorgensen Brooks	NO	This is a free benefit paid by the agency to help resource parents and

		their family members work through any problems before they affect your health, home life or jeopardize your job. This is done through a family assistance program that provides a group of experienced, caring professionals devoted to helping resource parents and their families to promptly solve problems that interfere with their work and home lives.